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- a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
  - b) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, [3, or fragments thereof]
  - c) a naturally-occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
  - d) a naturally-occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2,
  - e) a biologically-active fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
  - f) an antigenically-active fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
  - g) a biologically-active fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and
  - h) an antigenically-active fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

**2. (Once Amended.)** A [substantially purified variant having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to the sequence] polypeptide of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO:1 that retains at least one functional characteristic of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1,  
and
- (b) a polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO:2 and which retains at least one functional characteristic of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.

**14. (Once Amended.)** A purified antibody which specifically binds to [the] a polypeptide of claim 1.

**15. (Once Amended.)** A purified agonist which specifically binds to and modulates the activity of [the] a polypeptide of claim 1.

**16. (Once Amended.)** A purified antagonist which specifically binds to and modulates the activity of [the] a polypeptide of claim 1.

17. (Reiterated.) A method for treating or preventing a neoplastic disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the antagonist of claim 16.

18. (Reiterated.) A method for treating or preventing a reproductive disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the antagonist of claim 16.

**Please add the following new claims:**

21. (New) A polypeptide of claim 1, having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO: 2.

*Sulf*  
*D2*  
*C*  
22. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 21 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

23. (New) An isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:  
a) a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3  
b) a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4,  
c) a naturally-occurring polynucleotide sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3,  
d) a naturally-occurring polynucleotide sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and  
e) a polynucleotide sequence complementary to a), b), c) or d).

24. (New) A method of detecting a target polynucleotide in a sample, said target polynucleotide having the sequence of a polynucleotide of claim 23, comprising